

A Southern Country Wedding In the Good Old Ante-Bellum Days.

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The changes that have been wrought socially, economically and politically in this beautiful Southland of ours within the short period of time, from 1840 to 1905 is a hard matter to grasp by the multitudes now on the stage of action.

In 1840 there was not a mile of railroad in the whole state of Alabama or of Florida, the telegraph was unknown, and as for the telephone, the mere suggestion of such a possibility would have brought ridicule on the one bold enough to have made it.

All travel in those days was by private conveyance, stage coach, or river steamers, for at that time, there were very few fine steamboats plying the Alabama and other rivers of the state.

Kerosene oil had not been discovered, and lamps were unknown as a household equipment even in families

of affluence.

The friction match, which you will see in the hands of almost every boy that you meet on the streets was unknown, and the frugal house keepers of those days, before retiring for the night, were very careful to secure a fire for the next morning by covering up a portion of the evening fire with a bank of ashes.

Stoves and grates were unknown, and all the homes were heated with large open fire places.

Each well equipped home in Alabama and other southern states, manufactured on the farm nearly all the cloth, clothing and shoes for white and black, and once a week the candle moulds were brought out and candles were generally made of a mixture of tallow and beeswax, which had been carefully laid aside for this purpose.

These statements are made as a prelude to a description of the wedding, so that our young people may be better able to grasp the situation, and

see the great contrast in actual life between 1840 and 1905.

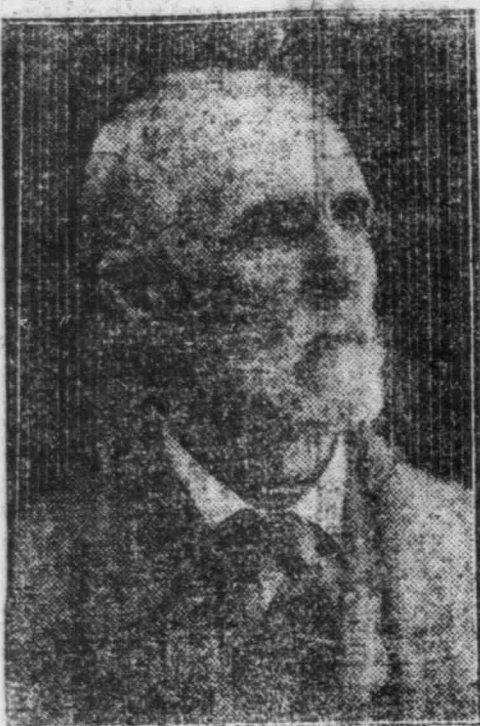
The neighborhood in which the wedding occurred was occupied by farmers, who in most instances were comfortably situated, owning several hundred acres of land and from ten to fifty slaves, and the people were all on the same footing socially, without regard to the number of acres or slaves owned.

One family, Boldere by name, good and worthy people, and well thought of by their neighbors, were rich only in children and their good reputation.

The oldest daughter, Miss Harriett, was nearing what we would now call the period of doubtful age, but in those days old maid.

In the same neighborhood lived an old bachelor, Robert Porterfield, and Cupid in one of his pranks, landed an arrow in his erstwhile arrow proof frame, and he and Miss Harriett became engaged to be married, and the day for this happy event had been named.

This was such an unusual event in this otherwise quiet neighborhood,



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that it set every household in more or less of a state of excitement, and it was soon decided by the neighbors that Miss Harriett and Mr. Porterfield should have a first-class wedding.

All the nearby families freely offered to assist in furnishing crockery-ware and other good things needed to make a wedding supper which a prince and princess might have been proud of, and all with one accord, entered heartily into the work, each endeavoring to make up some cake or dish that would be just a little better than anybody else would furnish.

With this feeling astir in the neighborhood, it is needless for me to state that the spread and arrangements for this special event, excelled anything that had ever been seen up to that date in that county.

Bridesmaids and best men were on hand in their best. As so many families had assisted in arranging and furnishing supplies for this happy event, whole families were invited to this wedding supper, and it was in this way that I happened to be one of the guests.

As I stated in the prelude, kerosene oil had not been discovered, and Rockefeller was unknown, so the wedding supper was lighted with home-made wax candles and home made chandeliers.

One of my sisters, with three other young misses, was appointed candle holder, so that the parson could see how to read the marriage service, and for the time being, these four young misses were the envy of their less fortunate young friends, for they were considered as officials at this great wedding.

The marriage service having been completed, and congratulations freely extended, supper was announced, and I, hanging on to my father's hand was at last seated at the prettiest table, and one with more good things on it than I had ever seen. It was simply loaded with everything that was likely to tempt a hungry boy, and especially one like me who never did like to wait when others were eating.

The arrangement was that nothing on this table was to be touched, as a

bountiful supply was on the side tables to be served the guests.

This, I was too young to understand, and as soon as I had taken a hasty survey of the table, my eye lighted on a dish which seemed to me to be very tempting, and without hesitation I reached for it, but my father caught me by the arm and whispered in my ear, "that is not to be eaten." Falling in my first essay, I again attempted to appropriate a tempting dish, and again received the same check and the whispered admonition, "that is not to be eaten."

A third time I made the attempt with the same check and after again taking a careful survey of the table and selecting a very tempting dish which was out of my reach, I pointed to it and said, "father is that for eat?"

This of course caused considerable merriment at my expense, and is about the last thing that I remember about my first wedding in Lowndes.

Mr. Robert Porterfield and Miss Harriett Boldere lived long and happily together.

Prize Puzzle Pictures for the Journal's Growing Army of Little Puzzlers

Below are ten pictures, each representing a word of four letters formed from the words "Post No Bills." The first is Lost.



ONE.



TWO.



THREE.



FOUR.



FIVE.



SIX.



SEVEN.

LETTERS AND COMMENT ON LAST WEEK'S PICTURES

Puzzle Editor Insists Upon Army Discipline and Refuses All Answers Not on Regular Coupon.

It grieves the puzzle editor to enforce the new rule this week, but "Army Discipline" must be maintained. No attention is paid to answers that are not written on the "Answer Coupon" that appears with every set of puzzle pictures in The Sunday Journal.

So, remember puzzlers, if you want a chance at "that dollar," get down to business and write your answers

on the "Answer Coupon," with your name and address each time.

So many puzzlers continue to write their answers on "any old scrap" that The Journal is obliged to call—

"Halt!"
"At-ten-shun-Kumpany!"
"Or-du-u-r-harms!"
"Sightheenemy!"
"Useonlyregulationammunition!"
"Load! Aim high! Fire!"



NINE.



EIGHT.



TEN.

To the boy or girl whose name is Drawn from the Correct Answers received at this office by next Thursday Night, The Journal will give a Silver Dollar.

Answer Coupon.

My answers to the puzzles in The Journal today are as follows:

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.
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8.
9.
10.
Name.....
St. No.....

"And if any dutchman of wargets you yell 'Hochderkaiser'."

"Andybulbringdownadollarsure!"

Among the many striking portraits that have come in from time to time, the one sent this week by that irrepressible young "Artist puzzler," Manuel Johnson, of 316 East Romana, is far and away the best. It is a good picture of Mr. Mayes, and he is prouder of Manuel's "speaking likeness" than he would be of a life size Cottrell's best, and intends to preserve it to compare with the best Mammel can do when he becomes a famous portrait painter.

Manuel and Thomas Johnson send all correct but No. 4, Paisiello. Lolia Lee Daniell, No. 3, Field. Lizzie Keeling, No. 3, Chopin. Bertram Daunheisser had No. 3 correct, but scratched it out and wrote Rosini. Kathleen Suggs No. 3, Heyblom. Mary Ida McDavid of Opp, Ala., No. 2, Chopin. Claude M. Kirkpatrick, No. 3, Field. William W. Eaton, U. S. Navy Yard, No. 3, Gottschalk. Lucy and Ed Swaine, No. 4, Paisiello. Mac Hodgkins, Milton, Fla., will readily see what is wrong with her nicely written list on the "Answer Coupon."

SERVICES AT CHURCHES OF PENSACOLA TO-DAY.

Following is the order of services at the various churches to-day:

Catholic.
St. Michael's Church—First mass, 7:00 a. m.; children's mass, 9 a. m. Last mass, 10:30 a. m. Vespers at 4 p. m.

St. Joseph's Church—Rev. Chas. E. Hartoff, Pastor. Early mass and short instruction at 7 a. m.; High Mass and sermon at 10 a. m.; Sunday school at 8 a. m.; Sodality instruction 3 p. m.; Vespers 4 p. m.

Episcopal.
Christ Church—Palatka and V. Light streets. Reverend P. H. Whaley, Rector. Regular services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
St. Katharine's—Cervantes and Davis streets. Rev. Andrew T. Sharpe rector. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon, 4 p. m. Seais free. A cordial welcome to all.
St. John's Church—Warrington. Rev. A. T. Sharpe, minister in charge. Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m.

Methodist.
Palatka Street Methodist Church—Rev. B. C. Glen, pastor. Regular services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. J. N. Andrews, superintendent. Epworth League 6:30 p. m.
Gadsden Street Methodist Church—Rev. J. L. Rogers, pastor. Regular services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday at 9:30 a. m. Dr. J. B. Tiller, Superintendent. Epworth League service at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meetings at 7:30 p. m. every Wednesday night. Cordial invitation extended to all.

Reed's Chapel—Rev. Geo. W. Carpenter, Pastor—Services every first Sunday at 11 a. m. by the pastor; Sunday school at 10 a. m. J. E. Beal, superintendent.
Muscoogee Wharf Church—Rev. Geo. W. Carpenter, Pastor—Services every first and third Sunday at 7:30 p. m. conducted by the pastor. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. J. N. Andrews, superintendent. Prayer meeting every Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock.
Warrington Church—Rev. Geo. W. Carpenter, Pastor—Services every

BOYS AND GIRLS WHOSE ANSWERS WERE CORRECT

Puzzle Army Routed by Names of Great Composers—Pebley Barrow Wins Prize Dollar.

Those "straws" in No. 2 did not "show which way the wind blows" to more than half the puzzle army, many of whom seem to have been lost in a "Rhapsodie" for they call it "Lizst."

Pebley Barrow, of East Romana, city, is entitled to that dollar whenever he calls at The Journal office and asks for it.

The correct answers to last week's pictures are as follows:

Answers for January 29.
No. 1—Mozart.
No. 2—Haydn.
No. 3—Strauss.
No. 4—Mendelssohn.
No. 5—Wagner.
No. 6—Beethoven.
No. 7—Handel.
No. 8—Lizst.
No. 9—Bach.

No. 10—Brahm.

The following boys and girls sent correct answers:

Correct Answers Received.
Francis Hill, city.
Hazel Babbitt, Battavia, O.
Gussie Storrs, DeFuniak Springs, Fla.
Helen Whaley, city.
Belon B. Smith, city.
Alice Dow, city.
Jeanie Dow, city.
Fannie Gonzalez, city.
Rosa Bell Tharp, city.
Pebley Barrow, city.
Elliott Barrow, city.
Hermind Riss, city.
Nora Tate, city.
Robert Brent, city.
Frances Brent, city.
M. Oliver Brawner, city.
Genevieve Brent, city.
Willie Brent, city.

second Sunday at 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Rev. E. Wilson will preach at 7:30 p. m. every fourth Sunday. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Fred Blum, superintendent.

Baptist.
First Baptist Church—Rev. F. Jones, pastor. Regular services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. E. D. Beggs, superintendent. B. Y. P. U. meeting at 6:30 p. m. E. A. Cottrell, leader. Sunbeam society meets at 3 p. m. Mrs. M. E. Wilson, leader. A cordial invitation to all to attend. There will be communion at the morning service.

Lutheran Church.
German Lutheran Church—Sunday school 9 a. m. German service at 10:30 a. m. Confession 6:30 p. m. English services with holy communion at 7 p. m. A special collection will be taken up in this service for home missions. J. F. W. Reinhardt, Pastor.
Scandinavian Lutheran Church—Services at 10:30 a. m. and 5 p. m., Rev. Helle, Pastor.

Christian Science.
The Christian Scientists hold their meeting Sunday at the Masonic Temple at 11 a. m. The Wednesday meeting will be at 4 p. m., same place.

Universalist.
First Universalist Church—East Chase street. Rev. C. B. Lynn, pastor. Preaching the first and third Sundays of every month, at 11 a. m. and 5 p. m. Every Sunday: Sunday school at 10 a. m.; Y. P. C. U., 6:30 p. m. All are cordially invited. The pastor's subject to-day is: "A Revival of Religion."

Church of Christ.
Church of Christ—Corner Alcanis and Jackson streets. Bible school 10 a. m. Regular services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. with preaching by W. T. Tracy. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. All cordially invited to attend these services.

Presbyterian.
First Presbyterian Church—Rev. Julian S. Sibley, pastor. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m. Regular service 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Sunday school at the Stoddart Avenue Mission at 3:30 p. m. C. F. Zeek, superintendent. All are cordially invited.
The services to-day at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. will be conducted by Rev. Wm. Black who is conducting a series of revival meetings which will be continued during the week.